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For: EXPANDED POROUS POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE FILM HAVING ELASTIC RECOVERY PROPERTY IN THICKNESS-WISE DIRECTION OF THE FILM, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF, AND USE OF THE POROUS FILM

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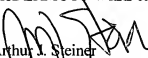
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The relevance of **JP 2547243** and **JP 3-505596** is discussed in the present specification.

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